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Schmale launches second referendum

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale is launching a second constituency referendum, this one on electoral reform.

Earlier this year, Schmale held a constituency referendum on Bill C-14 – the assisted dying bill – asking residents to instruct him on how to vote on the legislation though ballots that were sent out as part the MP's household mail-out.

Schmale ended up voting in support of the bill.

This time around, the question asks residents if they believe there should be a national referendum on electoral reform.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has famously said that the 2015 federal election would be the last to use the first-past-the-post system. A special parliamentary committee has been struck to study reforming the electoral process and gather input from Canadians.

"They're doing it right now, in the dead of summer, so unless you're really interested in it, you're probably not going to pay too much attention," Schmale says.

"The other thing that was asked of us is that MPs also consult people in the riding and that feedback would go to the special committee," he continues, explaining the mail-out ballot is his way of performing that consultation. "There's multiple ways to sort

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Forest fire at Little Avery Lake

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Earlier this week, firefighting crews from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry were getting a forest fire near Little Avery Lake in Algonquin Highlands under control.

According to the ministry, a call for the

blaze along the east of the lake came at just before 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6. At press time, the fire, while still active, had been contained at less than half a hectare in size and a ministry spokesperson said there was no imminent danger to people or structures.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation.

With dry weather continuing this summer, Algonquin Highlands fire chief Mike

Cavanagh is asking residents to be vigilant and diligent when extinguishing campfires.

"We would remind all our residents and visitors to ensure they extinguish all campfires completely," Cavanagh said. "Drown it, stir it, drown it again."

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Voters should decide whether electoral system changes: Schmale

from page 1

of take the temperature of people in the riding. I find this a good way to reach a large number of people in a short period of time in a fairly geographically spread out area.”

In the past, Trudeau has indicated support for ranked ballots, a fairly complicated electoral system where voters rank their candidate choices from most preferred to least preferred. In a ranked ballot system, if a candidate achieves a majority – more than 50 per cent of the vote – that candidate wins. If the leading candidate does not receive more than 50 per cent of the vote, then the least popular candidate is removed from the running and the second choice votes from those ballots are allotted to other candidates. Because the Liberal party occupies the middle of the Canadian political spectrum, some

electoral experts have suggested a ranked ballot system would be most advantageous for the Liberal party.

“The Liberals committed in the election to change the electoral system, the issue we have is they didn’t say which one,” Schmale says, contrasting that with the NDP and Green party, who also want electoral reform, but who openly support mixed-member proportional representation.

“To have the government of the day make a decision on what they’re changing the electoral system to, instead of actually asking the people if this is OK with them, I think is a path you don’t want to go down.”

While he says no electoral system is perfect, the Conservative MP is personally an advocate of the existing, single-member plurality system, which he says has served the country well for a century and a half.

Residents should watch for the blue and white mail-outs. The constituency referendum will also be promoted online. The deadline is Sept. 30.

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— JAMIE SCHMALE



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Rural health hub coming to Highlands

by ANGELA LONG
Times Staff

On Sunday, Aug. 7, Premier Kathleen Wynne announced that the Haliburton Highlands Health Services has been chosen as one of five sites for a rural health hub pilot project.

The five hubs, which also include Espanola, Dryden, Manitowadge and Blind River, will receive \$2.5 million in funding over three years.

“Our government is working to ensure access to high-quality health care in every corner of Ontario,” Wynne stated in a news release.

The aim of the project is to “provide care that is integrated from end to end” – meaning that every aspect of health care beginning with public health and ending with palliative care will be provided in one area.

In an email to the *Times*, HHHS president Carolyn Plummer describes a rural health hub as “a way of organizing health-related services together in a rural community to help make sure people have easy access to the care and service they need, and to provide that care in a co-ordinated and seamless way.”

The project is part of the government’s bigger plan to “build a better Ontario.”

Their Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care strives to create a “health-care system that is sustainable for generations to come” states the Office of the Premier.

The rural health hub project recognizes the shortcomings of health services provided in smaller communities, suggesting that a better Ontario includes rural Ontario.

Nearly a quarter of Ontario’s population is made up of small communities with fewer than 30,000 residents.

A Rural Health Hub Advisory Committee, spearheaded by the Ontario Hospital Association and the Ontario Medical Association, created a framework to set up the hubs.

The 2015 Rural Health Hubs Framework for Ontario lists the characteristics of a rural community, including low population density, long travel times to services unavailable locally, high density of elderly or other distinct populations, difficulty in finding and retaining health care professionals.

Despite these challenges, the committee identified communities that have managed to create “sustainable health care systems through innovative local solutions” perfectly poised for a “health system transformation.”

The Haliburton Highlands is one such community. According to Plummer, the HHHS has “been on the journey” of becoming a hub for several years and taken many steps to

initiate their transformation.

“Given our geographic location, the size of our region, our population, as well as the successes we’ve had with integration to date,” Plummer says, “we are ideally positioned to become a rural health hub.”

Nevertheless, this is still a “big step” for HHHS, says Plummer.

“This will help us take things to the next level; we are proud and excited to be helping to lead the way in shaping rural health care in Ontario.”

The next level will become clearer as funding and community needs are assessed.

“One of the guiding principles of rural health hubs is that they are unique to their communities – designed by and for the communities they serve,” says Plummer.

“Given our geographic location, the size of our region, our population, as well as the successes we’ve had ... we are ideally positioned to become a rural health hub.”

— HHHS CEO CAROLYN PLUMMER



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HHHS receives \$819,640 for facility repairs

Haliburton Highlands Health Services will be improving its infrastructure with a chunk of money from the provincial government.

Last week, MPP Jeff Leal’s office announced HHHS will receive \$819,640 through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund, set-up by the provincial government to keep hospitals in “good repair,” according to a release.

Dave Bonham, chairman of the HHHS board, said on Friday that the money will be used at both hospital and long-term care sites: Minden and Haliburton.

Sidewalks and flooring will be fixed up using the funds, he said.

In 2016-17, the government is spending some \$175 million on repairs across the province at 135 hospitals.

“With this important funding, our government is working to ensure that we are building a health care system across Ontario that delivers faster access to services and a sustainable system that will be there for the people in Eastern Ontario in the future,” said Leal in the release. “Making these necessary investments in our hospitals is part of our commitment to put patients first by ensuring that they get the high-quality health care they need — when they need it.”

Leal is the minister responsible for rural affairs in the Liberal government and he is MPP for the riding of Peterborough.

- Jenn Watt

Water levels drop on some TSW feeder lakes

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Parks Canada is accelerating the drawdown on Trent Severn Waterway feeder lakes in Haliburton County as dry conditions continue this summer.

Water levels on some reservoir and flow-through lakes in the Gull and Burnt River watersheds will drop by as much as 30 centimetres by Aug. 16.

“As the extreme drought over the Trent Basin continues with no real relief in the forecast, the drawdown of the reservoirs is accelerating,” reads a statement from the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow. “The highest drawdowns are on the lakes that have furthest above average up to this date. Both Eels and Jack’s Lakes have seen major draws over the past week with multiple log pulls and significant increases in flows. It is expected that by the end of the forecast period most reservoirs will be below average levels for this date un-

less we receive significant rainfall.”

Rainfall in Haliburton County and throughout much of Ontario has been below average this year, with amounts 100 millimetres below average in some places.

Residents on affected lakes will want to keep an eye on their boats, docks, water lines, etc.

In Algonquin Highlands, Boshkung and Maple lakes in particular have a tendency to be adversely affected by low waters, boats sometimes getting beached.

Numerous lakes in Haliburton County are part of the system that feeds water into the Trent Severn Canal, which stretches 386 kilometres from Lake Ontario near Trenton to Port Severn on Lake Huron.

Water level management updates can be found on the Parks Canada website at <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/plan/point-gestion-eau-water-management-updates.aspx>.

Police report increase in thefts

Haliburton Highlands OPP want the public to know that in recent years there has been an increase in theft of property from cottages, residences and vehicles.

In July, the *Minden Times* received a phone call from a boat owner who said the motor was stolen right off his boat on Redstone Lake. The man was at a water access only dwelling and had to row back to land.

Police have issued the following tips to the public to help avoid theft.

Homes and cottages:

Ensure your valuables are safely secured away from the view of would-be thieves.

Keep flyers and papers picked up.

Lawns maintained in the summer, driveway cleared in the winter.

Lighting to make the exterior visible for neighbours consider motion detecting lights.

High fences and bushes obscure visibility making it easier for thieves to go undiscovered.

Establish a neighbourhood or cottage watch program.

Know who your neighbours are.

Marking/etching your valuables.

Install an alarm system.

Do not leave keys in a visible or easily accessed location.

Vehicles:

Valuables should be out of sight and locked away.

Close windows, lock the doors and pocket the key. Never leave a key in the vehicle.

Never leave your vehicle running and unattended.

If you have a garage available, park in it, lock it and the car too.

Park in a well-lit area.

Do not leave your vehicle documents and/or spare keys to vehicle or home in the vehicle.

The Haliburton Highlands community safety officer is available to speak to home and cottage associations. Please feel free to call to arrange a presentation for your group.

If something has been stolen, report it to the local OPP at 705-286-1431.

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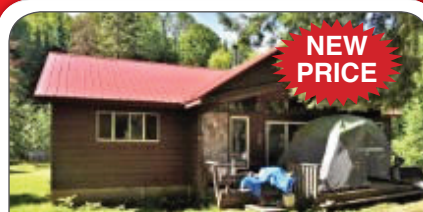


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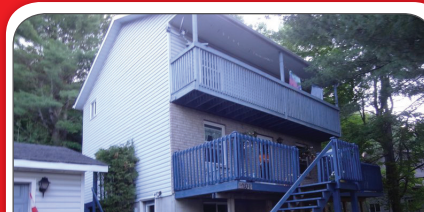


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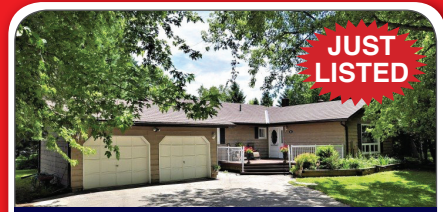


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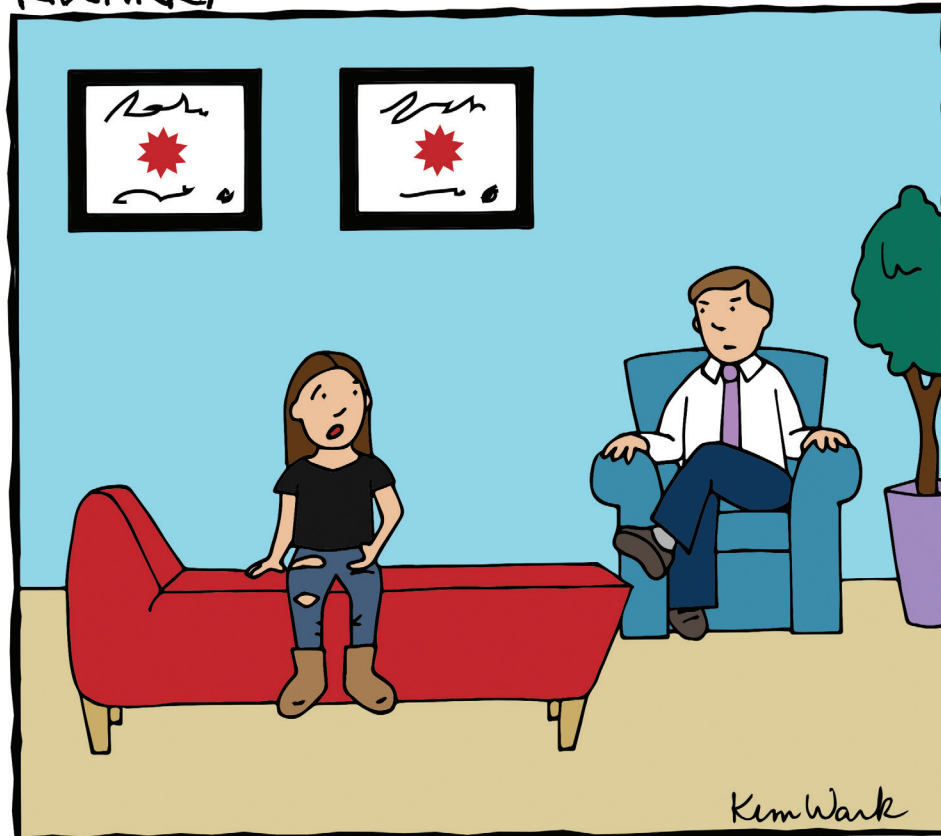
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Often, these occasions have included boat rides.

In this case, it was spending part of an afternoon last week, sitting on a deck beside Gull Lake, talking to Ruth Max about her family. Ruth is a Stinson and a feature on her family – one of the pioneering families of Minden – appears in this week's edition.

I'd spent a similar afternoon with her brother, Bob Stinson, at his home on Grass Lake about a week or so before.

Sure, it didn't hurt that both these days were nice ones to sit beside a lake, but what was so enjoyable about these occasions was the company and the story.

The Stinson story is a remarkable one, the course of a family's life forever changed because of the discovery of a waterfall.

Thomas Stinson, who was Bob and Ruth's great grandfather, first came to Haliburton County on a prospecting trip with a friend in 1871. After passing through Minden, the pair continued to follow the path of

the Gull River until they came upon a waterfall, which they decided would be a good place to build a sawmill.

That site is where Minden Lake and the Orillia Power Corporation dam are located today.

These sorts of stories are incredible to me. They never get old.

Imagine a reality in which you are trekking through the wilderness – and this is real, unsettled, untouched wilderness – with your buddy, come across a waterfall and go, "Here. This is it. We're going to build a sawmill, right here."

That's followed by the painstaking process of clearing the land and actually building the buildings. This is Haliburton County in the 1870s. Imagine the

bugs. The winters. The wolves.

Also fascinating were Bob and Ruth's recollections of the Gull Lake of the 1930s and '40s, a not-so-distant past that seems worlds away. A time before motorboats filled the lakes of Haliburton County. A time when little lakeside shops stored ice cream on blocks of ice. A time when blueberries grew plentifully all over the place and water was drunk straight from springs without the provincial government getting involved.

I want to thank Bob and Ruth for sharing their memories with me and also the story of their family.

It's a truly remarkable one.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

My failed procedure

LAST WEEK, I WENT to the dentist to get a tooth extracted. Or at least I thought I was going there for that.

It turns out what I was going in for was oral surgery, which is what they call it when you get a tooth pulled these days. I like that because it allows me, as the patient, to ask for more sympathy at home than I deserve.

I played the oral surgery card for three days.

Unfortunately, my surgery was an abject failure.

It wasn't an abject failure because of anything the dentist or his technician did. They were great, as always.

They pulled the tooth without any incident and in a very professional manner too. I felt no pain at all and there has not been a single complication. It appears to be healing very nicely, in fact. Heck, if you have to have anyone working inside of your mouth with hand tools and a suction hose, I would highly recommend these two. They know what they're doing.

And that's why the surgery was a failure.

You see, if Hollywood is mimicking real life in any way, I figure I should have picked up some sort of superpower from this procedure. Well, not from the procedure so much as a freak lab accident associated with it.

It happened to Wade Wilson in the movie *Dead Pool* as well as *Spiderman*, *The Flash*, *the Hulk* and a few others. Not to me, however.

You see, in a perfect world my dental technician might have went on lunch during the x-ray and left me overexposed to enough radiation that I could have got all muscular and turned green the minute I sat

in traffic for too long.

But, being good at her job and all, she did not.

Heck, the worst she did was expose me to an unrealistic amount of flossing and too much rinsing.

As a result, I did not walk out of the office with a remotely marketable superpower.

I am holding out some hope though. Sometimes these superpowers creep up on you and you find yourself noticing them when you least expect it.

Thus far, the only superpower that seems to be developing is that I appear to be marginally better at eating corn on the cob. Honestly, I'm not sure what I'll be able to do with that one.

I mean this could be of some use if the world was being threatened by the Children of the Corn or even if a food fight broke out at a county fair. Otherwise, however, it's basically useless.

Between you and me, I was hoping for something better. Super-halutosis would have been nice, for instance. You could really do something good for humanity with that. I would have also settled for a blindingly white smile that blinds bad guys. I know that's a lot to ask for given that fact that I drink tea routinely and have never used a white strip in my life, but again, if my technician had just gone into daydream mode while polishing my teeth, this might have been the result.

I'm not complaining but it would be nice to have at least one superpower that your family is actually proud of.

My next appointment is in six months. Until then, the world is a little less safe.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Beer and conversations

THERE ARE MOMENTS when you miss the 'good old days.' Well, maybe just pieces of the 'good old days.'

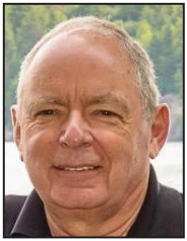
We live in times with so many important issues to talk about. So many challenges to meet. We have access to torrents of information.

Yet there is never time to really talk; never enough time to sort what is authentic and what is superficial.

Social media connects more of us more often but it also has distanced us from our traditional interpersonal communication. So many information exchanges and conversations are the digital banter of abbreviations, snippets, Emoticons and other shortcuts that save time but dilute context.

One part of the 'good old days' that I miss, TBH, is the beer parlour. Yes, to be honest, I miss the beer parlours, or hotel beverage rooms.

Beer parlours were abundant in every settled Canadian landscape. Any place there was a factory, mill, mine or timber operation, there was a beverage room nearby. They were working class social meeting places where the news, information and opinions of the day were shared face to face.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

In Ontario they popped up like mushrooms in 1934, six years after Prohibition ended. Ontario allowed them in hotels, where they quickly became the most popular places for men to drink. After the Second World War, women were allowed into beverage rooms, but they were restricted to separate rooms marked 'Ladies and Escorts.'

Beer parlours were simple places in simpler times. In their original form they were rooms with tables and chairs and seven-ounce glasses of draft beer on round trays delivered by waiters.

You had to be sitting to be served. There were no stand-up bars like in the western movies. And, you needed a government card to drink and the government kept an interdicted list of persons forbidden from being served.

There was no entertainment, no food, no gambling. No distractions, unless a fight broke out. Just beer, cigarettes and conversation – face to face with friends and colleagues, usually after work.

There was context in those conversations because you could read the faces and body language of the people sitting across from you.

My introduction to beer parlours was in Sault Ste. Marie, which being a steel plant town had by my fuzzy memory close to two dozen beverage rooms. The most popular were the Roosevelt (The Rosie), The New American (The New A), The Beaver Hotel, The Nicolet, The Algoma, The Lock City, The Royal, The New Ontario, The New Toronto and The Empire. And, of course, The Victoria House (The Vic).

The beer parlours attracted all kinds of characters, and some of the most interesting were the owners and the servers.

The Sault's Victoria House was owned by a Chinese family – the Chows. Charlie Chow established the place and his five sons took it over in 1951 after he died.

Each of the Chow brothers – John, King, Joe, Albert and James – had a distinct role in running the beer parlour. But any one of them could be seen pouring beer behind the bar or delivering it to the tables.

The trademark of the Chow brothers was their uncanny knack of knowing the favourite beer of each of their customers. The regulars arrived at The Vic, took a seat and were served their favourite without ordering.

The memories of the Chow brothers were remarkable. I returned to the Sault for a visit after a two-year absence. I went The Vic to see if any of my former colleagues were still about.

I took a seat at an empty table and saw Jimmy Chow place a bottle of beer on a tray and head in my direction. One hand covered the bottle label as he approached my table. The other held a bottle opener.

"Ole We-enia, Jim," he said in his sing-song accent.

I hated Old Vienna beer and always drank Crystal lager. I threw up my hands in protest. "No, no Jimmy. Wrong one!"

Jimmy snapped the cap on the beer and placed it on the table, turning the label toward me. It was a Crystal Lager. He went back to the bar, giggling all the way.

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The Minden Cat Sanctuary takes care of stray cats and kittens, but it needs help from the public.

/Photo submitted

Minden cat sanctuary needs your help

by **BRENDA PEDDIGREW**
Special to the Times

"If you love it enough, anything will talk to you..." George Washington Carver

I think of these words often now when I volunteer each week at the Minden Cat Sanctuary. After four times there, some of the 18 feral cats are beginning to come closer, or at least to stay in the room while I am there. A few still hiss at me, but from a closer proximity. Their hissing makes me smile and talk to them more.

They are beautiful cats, every one, and of many varieties, colours and sizes. Most are young. They all received spaying and shots when they were able to be caught in downtown Minden. Volunteering at the Sanctuary is meant to socialize them so that they can be directly adopted from there. The pet stores of Minden and Haliburton have helped to find homes for some of the kittens as well.

Some people adopt them straight from the sanctuary, learning a protocol for socializing from Don, the owner of the farm and the man who renovated an old building on his property for the Minden Cat Angels Sanctuary. He cares for them with great knowledge and tenderness, but is also most grateful for any kind of volunteer help, as he is working many other projects on the land. There are now eighteen cats. One of the things that Don is proud to say is that these feral cats have never fought since he gave them this home.

Over a dozen of the 30-plus cats rescued over the last two years from the brutal winter conditions in downtown Minden are now happily settled in forever homes. Paulmac's and Haliburton Feed Co. have help to find homes for some of the kittens. To contin-

ue rescuing cats, it is urgent that we adopt more out from the shelter. Don, the owner of the large park like property very close to Minden, has renovated one of the old buildings for the cat sanctuary. He cares for them – along with a few other volunteers – with tenderness and past experience. The cats all have free access to both inside and outside areas. Don is grateful for any extra help right now as he is working on many other projects on the land. One of the things that he is proud to say is that the cats are all happy, he's watched them learn to trust and play again, and none of them have ever fought or sprayed.

But talking to them and being present is not all there is to volunteering at the Cat Sanctuary. Cleaning litter boxes and distributing plates of wet and dry food as well as filling water dishes and sweeping floors is needed and basic to caring for these beautiful cats, who - with great dignity - track every movement of humans in their space, mostly from the high shelves built around the inside of the rooms. It is when the cleaning and tidying is done - and I love the sense of making the space clean for them – that I can settle to read aloud inside one of the cages, so they can get used to a human voice. Usually they disappear as soon as I go in; then I sit and read, and slowly I look up and they have all come out onto their high shelves and are looking down as if listening, or even relaxing with their eyes closed. Story time for cats!

If you are at all cat-inclined, or perhaps just want a new animal-caring experience that will help many cats find a home, and you can help in any way or support these beautiful cat companions, contact Brenda Peddigrew: brenda@soulwinds.ca or call Don directly at 705 457-6923.

LAKE PROTECTORS' CORNER

Keeping house for the ducks

Wood ducks, goldeneyes, mergansers and buffleheads are all cavity nesting ducks – which means they build nests in abandoned woodpecker holes or natural tree cavities caused by disease, fire or lightning. When there are few natural tree cavity nesting sites to choose from, constructed nesting boxes are a welcome sight. But there's a catch. It's a long-term commitment of doing some regular housekeeping. When you put up a nest box you are committing yourself to maintaining that box.

Late winter is the best time to install nest boxes to attract cavity nesting ducks in the spring. It's also the best season to clean and maintain them, which involves removing old nesting material, tightening loose hardware, and adding new wood shavings. Maintenance is important for three very good reasons:

1. So the ducks come back! Studies have shown that there are more nests, eggs and ducklings produced in clean nest boxes that in those not cleaned of old nesting material. Since wood duck hens tend to return to places where they successfully nested in the past, it makes sense for them to prefer reliable, clean places to hatch their young.

2. Reduce disease risks. Removing old nesting material reduces the likelihood of Myiasis infection – a parasitic maggot that poses no threat to humans but that can infect newly hatched ducklings. Myiasis can infect other bird species using the box as

well. Removing the old nesting material rids the box of overwintering pupae and reduces risk of infection in newly-hatched birds in the spring.

3. Help with waterfowl conservation. Maintaining and inspecting nest boxes and submitting survey cards (where this monitoring program is in place) helps DUC and other organizations determine waterfowl success and direct future conservation efforts.

With great responsibility comes great reward. When ducks find a good nesting site, there is a very good chance they'll return in following years. Check out our new YouTube video series for instruction on proper assembly, installation and maintenance of your nest boxes.

Ducks Unlimited offers a series of instructional videos on duck boxes on YouTube. Search "Ducks Unlimited Canada" to find their channel.

Article adapted from one by Ducks Unlimited Canada.

To hear more useful information for lake lovers, tune in to Canoe FM to hear Highlands Cottage, a segment with news from cottagers' associations, environmental topics and cottage living tips. It runs Friday at 4:30 p.m., Saturday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Article provided by CHA. For more information, resources and tips, go to www.cohpoa.org.

Lake Calendar

To include your lake association's events in this free listing, email them to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Kids Bingo

Starts Tuesday July 12 7 p.m., ends Tuesday Aug. 16

Location: HLCA Hall, 5041 Haliburton Lake Road
Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association

Rock Bass Fishing Derby

Starts: Sunday, July 24, ends Sunday, Aug. 14 weigh in 12 to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Public Beach South End Haliburton Lake, Hodgson Road
Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottage Association

Fort Irwin Residents Association Pancake Breakfast

Date: Saturday Aug. 20, 9 a.m. to noon, sumptuous breakfast of pancakes and sausages, juice and coffee or tea

Location: FIRA Hall, 5821 Haliburton Lake Road
Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association

Cottage Succession Seminar

When: Sunday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Irondale Community Centre

This event is free to members of FOCA and the Salerno (Devil's) Lake Cottagers' Association, or \$10 at the door for non-members. Featuring Peter Lillico – Estate Planning Lawyer ~ "If your goal is to keep your family in the cottage for future generations, my goal is to help you

develop an agreement to secure a lasting and successful succession, avoid family friction and to prevent 'For Sale' signs sprouting." and learn how to "Keep the 'Family' in the Family Cottage" Please pre-register with FOCA to secure your space: info@foca.on.ca or call 705-749-3622
Submitted by Salerno Lake Association

SLACAR's Annual Corn Roast

When: Saturday, Aug. 27, 1 p.m.

Where: 1257 Hamilton Road
Open to all SLACAR members their family and friends
Games and prizes for the kids
Submitted by South Lake Association of Cottagers and Residents

Golf Day/ Lunch-Drag & Spruce Lakes

Location: Haliburton Golf Course (* please check website for changes)
Date: Saturday, Sept. 3 \$45
Time: 10 a.m.

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All in the family

Members of the Welch family came from far and wide to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Aug. 6 to celebrate their heritage in the area. The annual Founding Family Day displays artifacts and documents belonging to the family, who have a long history that goes back more than 100 years in Minden Hills. The family roots go back to John Welch, who was a funeral director and warden of Haliburton County in 1916.

Below far left, nine-year-old Cole Hamilton, who is a descendant of the Welch family, checks out the family tree at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Aug. 6.

Bottom right, a descendant of the Welch family, Pat Campbell explains some of the historical artifacts found at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Aug. 6 for the Welch Founding Family Day. Members of the family came to share stories and celebrate the history of the prominent family, who once ran the funeral parlour in Minden and owned Welch's General Store, which was until recently the Art Hive.



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A number of artifacts belonging to the Welch family are on display in the common room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre in honour of Founding Family Day. Newspaper clippings, old photographs, birth and death announcements and an iron branding tool are all part of the exhibit, which will be on display for a few more weeks. A descendant of the family, Frank Welch, was instrumental in bringing renowned artist Andre Lapine to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, as Frank donated 45 paintings done by Lapine to the gallery. Lapine and Welch were good friends and Lapine bequeathed his artwork to Frank upon his death. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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Minden Bible Church celebrates 60 years

On Sunday, July 31, Minden Bible Church held its official Anniversary Service marking 60 years of prayer, mission outreach and Christian teaching in the Minden area. During the early 1950s, Rev. Lorne Schmitt was holding services in a variety of locales in the area and felt a burden to make a "church home" in the village itself. In 1956 a lot was purchased on the corner of Prince and St. Germaine streets. A small group of faithful folk had been meeting in homes and in Bob MacBrien's TV shop and this continued as

construction was completed. Services began in the new Minden Gospel Church in 1957 led by Pastor Schmitt.

Meanwhile, Rev. Amos Brubacher was holding services in the Old Scotch Line School under the auspices of the Mennonite Mission Board of Ontario.

That congregation eventually bought land at the top of the hill on Bobcaygeon Road where they built the Parsonage and the new North Road Chapel, completing the work in 1960. In 1971, at the suggestion of the

Mennonite board, the congregations were melded, and Minden Gospel Church bought the properties and buildings where they have continued until the present. Over the years, changes have been made to the church building. Especially noteworthy is the large addition to the back of the building which extended the worship area by quite a lot, also creating more space in the basement where youth groups and other activities as well as Sunday School were carried on (and still are). During the tenure of the Rev. Jim Fast, the name was changed to Minden Bible Church, indicating

the attention to the whole of scripture as a teaching source.

From its inception, Minden Bible Church had a threefold thrust: solid Bible-based teaching, prayer and mission outreach. These three emphases continue right through to the present as Pastor David Johnson guides the congregation of regular full time members as well as a very large number of summer attendees as together we search the scriptures and give our thanks for all that God is doing in our midst, in our community, and throughout the world.



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Pastor David Johnson looks on as founding member of Minden Bible Church (MBC) Ruth MacBrien cuts the anniversary cake. Onlookers include Mary Lou Wunker, daughter of founding members Bob and Mary Wunker, and longtime members George Burley (35 years) and Elizabeth Carrell (40 years). Photo submitted

Church gives away water, cookies

As part of our 60th anniversary celebrations, Minden Bible Church decided to get out and meet the people, and let the village know about us.

The vehicle for this thrust into the community was to give away free bottled water and some delicious home made cookies.

Our first booth was set up on July 1 at the cultural centre grounds.

In spite of heavy rains, a few hardy residents and tourists alike partook of the treats. Every one was most open to the idea.

Organizers of the cookie and water giveaway event (on behalf of Minden Bible Church) were Dave and Marg Hinds.

It was a great way to celebrate 60 years of mission and outreach into the community and the world by missionaries and other faith

leaders.

After the success of the July 1 giveaway, it was decided to continue the activity at the Music on the Gull event each Friday.

It has been a great way to get our Church's name out into the community and at the same time, to give a little refreshment to the music fans.

(Besides, we get to enjoy the show as well.) Onlookers and music fans meet at the community bulletin board shelter where Minden Bible Church sets up its cookie and water giveaway each Friday during the Music on the Gull show.

The music is fun, the treats are great, and so are all the people.

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Writer's corner: 'Ta Muchly'

by **PETER WALFORD-DAVIS**
Vignettes from Life

The raucous screeching of wheeling gulls welcomed us to the golden sandy beach, while overhead, sunshine beamed down from a cloudless sky of azure blue. Waters of the lake danced and pranced their white caps in an ever unceasing flow and ebb.

On the horizon several yachts scudded over the waves, dazzling the eye with the whiteness of their sails, while closer to shore, air mattresses, and inner tubes bobbed lazily up and down bearing squirming, wriggling, laughing, giggling children.

We unload ourselves, the chairs, picnic basket, and one small boy, complete with exuberance, bucket and spade, and settled back to enjoy the sunshine, scenery, and a good book.

Soon the beach began filling. Two families ensconced themselves on either side of us, their several children, with wild laughter and shrieks of joy dashed into the water, there to remain, except for the occasional foray up the beach to gather their breath until mother called them for a picnic lunch. Because of their proximity to our own encampment, I couldn't avoid overhearing some of the conversation.

"What kind of sandwich would you like?" asked one mother. "A ham and lettuce, with pickles and lemonade" was the reply. In vain I listened for a "please" or "thank you" – the other child replied in an authoritative voice, "give me a ham sandwich too." Even the seagulls voice their disapproval at this obvious lack of good manners. Yet, sadly the

parent seemed quite oblivious to the children's demanding tone, and quietly gave the little monsters what they wanted.

But what joy, what gloriously ecstatic utterance can I impart to the heavens, in recording the conversation of the second family. The two hungry children, called from their play, eagerly ran to the picnic hamper, and began unpacking its contents. ...'Oh, said mother, the pickles are still in the car.' "I'll get them mum," the little lad said, running off.

"Now," said mother, "what kind of sandwich would you like?"

"Cheese, lettuce, and tomato, please," said the little girl.

"I'd like a cold meat sandwich please mum" the little lad answered. The "thank you" were soon forthcoming from all members of that family.

I watched a young couple walk along the beach arm in arm, unmindful of anything except each other. Lost in a world of their own creating. But what of this world? How much more wonderful it could be if all learned to say "please," "thank you" or when someone has been hurt, an "I'm sorry" or "I was wrong."

What is this thing called courtesy anyway? According to G. Jackson, "Courtesy is love in trifles, and where love is not, though its counterfeits may abound, courtesy itself is not."

If, as Jackson says, courtesies are elements of the power of love, it follows that even the most mundane act of kindness, should elicit an appreciative response whether it be in the home, or toward those who serve us, or to

anyone. Therefore, do not think that courtesy is a mere trifle, nor number it with the 'minor morals' of life; rather let us believe that its true place is with the great forces of character that ennoble and redeem the world."

There have been times I have been rebuffed by discourteous sales clerks, but have really appreciated the help given by others. – and I try to remember to say "thank you." There were times when I'd hold a door for someone to pass through, who continued to do so, without a smile, or a "thank you." Or waiting at a parking lot exit to enter the flow of traffic. Several pass by on the other side but eventually, someone takes pity on me and I join the traffic flow, waving my thanks as I do so.

It is a sad commentary on life when we cannot take the time to say a simple "thank you" to someone who has performed a service on our behalf, no matter how small. Life for the most part is made up of such little things, and little acts of kindness are essential for our wellbeing.

Though the children of that first family did not say "thank you," neither did the parents; so before we judge the children harshly, we have to acknowledge the fact, that the fault lay even more with the parents. This real world can become a much better place for all when you and I remain conscious of the need to be courteous, treating one another with dignity, appreciation, and love.

Oh, by the way, thank you for reading this article.

Bloom

I sprawl on the grass, small as a pebble,
gawking up at the field of Sky, where a
cluster of clouds blooms.

I look up without averting my gaze, watching
as clouds slowly change their shape,
growing in girth or fading to a wisp, clumping
together or drifting apart until there is
nothing left but the gaping space of Sky.

I stare in awe, my eyes capturing that moment
that a cloud is born,
watching a white squiggle burst from the
blue,

a smear of a feather swelling and expanding
before my eyes,
sprouting wings and a belly before it latches
onto another cloud hatching up in Sky.

What a marvel to witness from down here
on the ground,
the sound of a dog's bark distracting me for
a moment as my eyes scan the trail for a wag-
ging tail.

By the time I glance back up at Sky, the
moment has passed, the cloud is gone, either
it evaporated or merged with the giant cloud
hovering over me like an albatross,
gaps of blue Sky poking holes in its belly,
one is shaped like a Heart, the other like a
great lake,

flooding my soul with peace as I squirm
here on the grass,
envious of all that space in which clouds
have to bloom.

I stare up at a cloud that fades to a smudge
right before my eyes,
wondering how long it lived up there 'till it
melted back into Sky,

as I sprawl on the grass, tiny as a pebble,
grateful to the earth for all this room it lends
me in which to bloom.

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Documenting Coboconk's missing memories

by JENN WATT
Editor

A finished quilt never quite looks like you imagine when you started, Ellie MacNeil says. It has a life of its own, taking its own shape and form as you work.

In that way, quilting is much like writing, the Miners Bay resident has discovered in her first book: *Memories from Main Street Coboconk*, an oral history of the village she grew up in.

"I belong to the genealogy society based in Minden and there was a display in the genealogy resource room. It was a map of main street Minden and just a brief list of the owners from the beginning until the modern time. I thought, wouldn't that be a great place to start working on the history of Coboconk. It didn't turn out that way," laughs MacNeil, sitting on her back porch on a warm summer morning.

On the table sit two copies of the result of that project: a collection of memories about the town that she and Karin Mackie assembled over the last four years.

MacNeil was born Eleanor White and grew up on a century farm just outside of Coboconk, also referred to commonly as "Coby." Although her family recently sold the property, MacNeil says the deed reads 1864.

MacNeil spent her whole life in the area, working as a teacher-librarian in Cameron and moving to Miners Bay in the 1990s. Now retired, she dedicates a sizeable amount of her time to documenting history. Aside from her most recent book, she has also worked on

the annual calendar project, which publishes old photographs of the village, as well as her family genealogy work.

Very little else has been written about the village of 700 that sits on the northern end of the City of Kawartha Lakes. Other than a few mentions in other histories, Coboconk has gone almost undocumented.

MacNeil and Mackie sought to change that, conducting interviews with those who remember when the village used to be the last stop on the rail line, with an economy powered by limestone and lumber.

"It's the memories of Coby, not cold facts. There are facts in there, but that isn't my purpose of doing it," says MacNeil.

Originally, the idea was to only profile businesses on the main street, but information offered up about other aspects of the community persuaded the women to change the focus from "memories of main street" to "memories from main street," which allowed them to include other interesting parts of the town.

The word "memories" was also carefully selected to indicate that this isn't a textbook – it's what people remember.

To that end, she starts the book with a Jamaican proverb: "If it's not the whole truth, it's close." Memories aren't perfect recollections, but they paint a colourful picture.

The book has also required she do some detective work, something MacNeil clearly relishes.

"It's a jigsaw puzzle that's never done," she says.

"When you stumble across something you didn't know or you weren't looking for, your



Eleanor White MacNeil stands on her Miners Bay deck with her new book, *Memories from Main Street Coboconk*, which she wrote with Karin Mackie. MacNeil is a retired teacher-librarian who grew up in Coboconk and stayed in the region her whole life. She says very little about the town's history has ever been published. JENN WATT Staff

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Their faces came alive. It was incredible.

— ELLIE MACNEIL

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adrenalin just skyrockets.”

Finding that history and documenting it is not only a thrill for the author, but a service to the community. Knowing the background of the village you are standing in is life-enriching, she says.

She gives an example: "There's the Pattie House in Coby. Everybody knows what the Pattie House is, but do you know that the Patties came from Ireland in the 1850s? Do you know that it was built by the Keys family and was the Keys Hotel until the husband died and she had to remarry because she had young children?"

Included in the book are stories of merchants and community members with a chapter on health-care workers. Hockey players and the woefully short-lived arena are also included.

In 2013, Mackie came up with the idea of pulling together the remaining members of the town's hockey team, which played in the 1960s. There were six members still alive, all in their 80s. Without exception, they told the women they didn't think they had anything to contribute, but agreed to meet.

But get them together and the stories started to flow. "Their faces came alive. It was incredible," says MacNeil. Today only one of those men is still alive.

"I think the thing that brought the most memories was the arena because it certainly was the centre of the community for the short time it lasted. It was only five or six years," she says. The arena was condemned after its short life because one of the other arenas built by the same man had collapsed in western Ontario, she says. While there seemed to be little wrong with the Coboconk structure, it was decided it could no longer serve the community. There hasn't been an-

other indoor arena since.

Time is one of the greatest challenges she faces. Stories must be gathered and documented before people pass away, as several have who shared their memories for her book.

Unfortunately, because so little has been written about Coboconk, there are many important details that have been lost.

MacNeil says she would like to explore veterans' histories in her next book, which she is already working on, but it can be difficult.

"So many of our veterans are gone. My dad served in the reserves because he was on a working farm and because it was a producing farm he wasn't called up, but he and many of the men in the area were called into the reserves and they trained in Coby," she says.

"I have some pictures of the reservists, but unless the families can give the information, I'm too late. That's bad."

But MacNeil is working hard to preserve what is still knowable about her hometown. Along with a section on the Legion, her second book will go into lumber, quarries, policing and education among other things.

There is certainly demand for it. She says sales of the book, which she self-published, have approximately recouped the cost of printing.

She launched the book in June at the village's Fresh Water Summit at a table set up for local authors. She took 60 copies that day and sold them all.

Feedback has been plentiful and positive with the contents of the book reviving old memories amongst readers, who then funnel that knowledge back to MacNeil.

"Already memories have been shared with me that were sparked after having read the book, so it's working," she says.

You can pick up your copy of *Memories from Main Street Coboconk* at Souter's Variety, Home Hardware and the municipal office in Coboconk. You can also get a copy directly from MacNeil – and if you have memories to share, she'd like to hear those, too – her email is sleuthsisters2@gmail.com.

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Bob Stinson sits with a family history he's compiled using records from generations of relatives. Bob's great grandfather, Thomas Stinson, constructed mills along the Gull River outside Minden in the 1870s. Minden Lake and the Orillia Power Corporation dam now occupy the area where the mills once stood. CHAD INGRAM Staff



Ruth Max and husband Jack outside their Sandy Bay home, the original part of which is a cottage Ruth's father, Tom Stinson, built in 1936. Her grandfather, Arthur Stinson, who ran a livery business in Minden, once owned most of the land around Sandy Bay.

A long line of lumbermen: The Stinsons

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

This is the third in a series of feature stories on the pioneering families of Minden.

Bob Stinson's grandfather once traded his livery business for the Dominion Hotel.

The deal didn't last long, however, due to the religious convictions of Stinson's grandmother.

"She wanted no part of that kind of money," says Bob, who will turn 83 in September. "She was a strict Methodist."

For more than 140 years, the Stinson family has been part of the story of Minden. Like many of the area's pioneering families, the family's story begins in Europe.

Samuel Stinson – Bob's great, great grandfather – was born in Cavan County, Ireland in 1802. A farmer, in about 1825 – before the potato famine hit – he sold his property and immigrated to Canada. Perhaps naturally, he was attracted to a township called Cavan near Peterborough, where he and his wife Jane Brodie would have eight children, the fourth of whom was a boy named Thomas, born in 1833.

In 1856, Thomas – Bob's great grandfather – married Victoria Henderson, whose family owned a farm in nearby Emily township.

According to a family history compiled by Bob, Thomas, who was having an unsuccessful time farming and drinking too much, eventually moved to Beaverton where, backed by his father, he started a boot and shoe shop.

In the fall of 1871, Thomas travelled to Haliburton County on a hunting and prospecting trip with Hugh Workman, who'd been a close friend since the two were young.

Workman was doing well in real estate in Lindsay.

After passing through the settlement of Minden, they continued to follow the Gull River where they came upon a waterfall they decided would make a fine location for a mill. It was agreed that Workman would provide the cash to purchase the property and start the operation, while Thomas would move to Minden to manage it.

So, in 1872, Thomas and Victoria moved to Minden with their five children, the youngest of whom was a baby named Arthur – Bob's grandfather.

The family worked hard during the next decade, building what would become known as the Stinson mills compound. It included a sawmill, a grist mill and a flour mill, all powered by water turbines, a collection of houses and some agricultural operations, including the keeping of livestock.

Thomas eventually bought out partner Workman, renaming the operation Thomas Stinson & Sons.

By age 13, Arthur was driving a team of horses, making deliveries of lumber to the train station at Gelert.

In 1897, Arthur married Grace Rogers, the daughter of George and Alida Rogers, who owned a farm along the Gull River not far from the mills.

The Rogers family were strict Methodists. The Stinsons were Methodists too, but, in Bob's words, "didn't work very hard at it," dancing and playing cards and carrying on.

In order to marry Grace, Arthur had to sign a pledge to refrain from sinful activities, as would the couple's children.

"All the kids signed pledges that they

wouldn't drink," Bob says. However, it sounds like his grandmother was the only one to stick very strictly to her temperance pledge.

In 1901, with the help of his father, Arthur purchased Mounsey Livery, a livery and stage coach business in downtown Minden. He changed the name to E.A. (Elias Arthur) Stinson Livery. It was around his time that Arthur and Grace gave birth to a son named Tom – Bob's father.

The livery barn stood at what is now the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Invergordon Avenue. The law office of Carol Jamieson currently occupies the site. The business had 25 horses in its stable, the mail contract for Minden, Kinmount and Gelert and also provided daily stage coaching to and from the Gelert train station.

Grace kept the books and the family lived in the house next door. It's the house that today contains Gambell's Antiques and Suwan's Thai Cuisine.

Meanwhile, the Stinson mills had been left to Arthur's older brother, Frederick. The property that housed the Stinson compound was eventually sold to the Orillia Light and Power Company in 1918, the company building the dam and power generation station that still operate along the Gull River today. The area where the mills and wooden houses once stood is now occupied by Minden Lake.

"It's all underwater now," Bob says, seated in his dining room overlooking Grass Lake in Haliburton. "They all left."

Frederick moved his family to Toronto. However, a successor to the Stinson's Minden mills operation – S.F. Stinson & Son Lumber Company – would continue to operate in the city for a number of years and on its letterhead,

the company proudly proclaimed, "lumbermen since 1872."

In 1914, Arthur, who was in poor health, moved to Peterborough on the advice of his doctor.

While Arthur purchased another, smaller livery business in Peterborough, he continued to own the Minden operation.

In 1921, Tom had gone out west with some friends to work on the harvest. It was during his time there that he received a frantic letter from his mother, informing him his father had traded his Minden livery business for the Dominion Hotel and pleading that he talk some sense into Arthur.

Indeed, there is a photo from that period, showing the very distinct Stinson livery building, but with the words "J.J. Mortimer Livery Barn" on the sign.

By the time Tom returned home, Arthur had traded the business back.

Tom worked in Lindsay for a brief period and then Peterborough. In 1923, his cousin Arnold – son of Frederick, who sold the Minden mills – wrote him about an opportunity to work as a lumber wholesaler in Toronto and he was off to the city. There, Tom stayed in a rooming house on Palmerston Avenue run by a Mrs. Hacking. Mrs. Hacking had a 22-year-old daughter named Stella.

Tom and Stella were married in Toronto on Oct. 1, 1927. Tom worked in the lumber industry and while there were some years of instability during the Great Depression, he and Stella ended up settling in Willowdale, where Bob and his sister Ruth grew up. Tom operated a

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Mills sold to Orillia Light and Power Company in 1918

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The Stinson livery and house in downtown Minden circa 1911.

lumber yard called Stinson Lumber.

The family returned to Minden for the summers.

"I spent almost all my summers here [Haliburton County]," Bob says. "My grandfather owned almost all of Sandy Bay. I almost never forgave my ancestors for moving away."

Arthur Stinson had purchased a large swath of land on Gull Lake, the area all along what is now Sandy Bay Road, south of Minden. Today, many of the cottages along the road are still owned by members of Stinson family.

One – the Killarney cottage – was constructed from discarded planks from when a concrete bridge was poured in Minden circa 1904. The planks had floated down the Gull River and into the lake.

Another, Arthur's cabin, was built from sheds that workers slept in when Highway 35 was being constructed, Arthur skidding them down to the lakeside once the government was done with them.

Tom purchased a lot from his father and in 1936 built a small cottage at the lake's edge. An expanded version of that cottage is today the home of Bob's sister Ruth Max and her husband, Jack.

Bob and Ruth both have fond memories of summers on Sandy Bay, on a Gull Lake from

another time.

"It was very rural," Bob says. "There was a little store . . . had no hydro. They used to keep their ice cream on blocks of ice. You'd get somebody to row you over in the boat."

The small white building that was the store still stands on the shore of Gull Lake today, near where the river enters Sandy Bay at the lake's north end.

On the Gull Lake of the siblings' youth, most everyone got around by rowboat, motorized watercraft a rare sight.

"If we heard a motorboat come, we'd all get up and watch it go by," Bob says.

Bob worked in Toronto for Stinson Lumber, but in the early 70s, he and wife Joan decided to leave the city and make a go of it in Haliburton County.

"I said, 'We've got a cottage up there,'" says Bob, explaining he figured the family could embark on some entrepreneurial endeavours in order to make a living.

His parents had already retired to Haliburton County. Like other members of the Stinson family, Bob had a cottage on Sandy Bay, which he sold, purchasing Willow Beach Cottages on Lake Kashagawigamog. He and Joan ran the resort for nearly 20 years.

Today, Bob is chairman of the Haliburton County chapter of the Canadian Association of Retired Persons, working on numerous projects dedicated to aging well in the community.

"It keeps me off the street," he quips.

Like Bob, sister Ruth was eventually drawn back to Haliburton County, where she'd spent so many magical summers as a girl.

"This started as one room and half a loft," she says, seated on her deck overlooking Sandy Bay and gesturing to the green cabin where she and husband Jack live. The original part of the building is the cottage her father constructed in 1936.

"And then we just kept adding," Ruth says.

Jack worked in the stock exchange, Ruth as an editor of magazines. They moved to Sandy Bay in 1990.

How does the Gull Lake of today differ from the one of her youth?

"There were less people on the lake . . . it wasn't like this," Ruth says.

It's the first week of August and motorboats and jet skis are roaring across the lake's surface, a far cry from the days when Ruth, Bob and their cousins travelled its waters by rowboat.

They used to row all the way up the river into Minden.

"We had no way of getting there other than rowing," Ruth says. "It took forever . . . especially against the current."

Once in Minden, the children would visit a store owned by family members from the Rogers branch. Ruth remembers combing through the antiques kept in the building's upper floor and the dusty smell of the space.

"Up there were things stored in there forever," she says. "We were scared of everything, but that was half the fun. We'd just be fascinated with what was upstairs."

Like Bob, Ruth recalls with fondness the little store across the bay with the ice cream on blocks of ice and the tiny woman who served it up. She gestures to the small, white building, still standing across the water.

She recalls the Harrison's farm at the end of the road and the quiet man, John, who would come with his wagon to deliver ice.

"He brought us ice that he cut out of the lake in the winter," she says. "He would stop at each place and plunk it in the ice box."

Sometimes the children would hop on the wagon, hitching a ride back to the Harrison farm to play in the barn, heeding the quiet man's warning to stay away from the bull.

"We'd go up in the hay loft and play like crazy," Ruth says, a smile of recollection form-

ing on her face. "We could be up there all day if we wanted."

She also recalls her childhood duties of picking blueberries – "they were everywhere here" – and fetching buckets of water from a nearby spring, pails of water balanced with a branch across her back.

Down the shoreline from the little white building that was once the store is the University of Toronto camp, located on Gull Lake for more than a century.

"We had our regatta there, which was a big deal," Ruth says, recalling the wooden diving tower once affixed to the dock at the camp. "I was the one who had to dive off the top."

Ruth also remembers teenage trips to the legendary, long-gone Medley's dance hall in Carnarvon.

"My dad used to lend me the car," she says. "My two cousins and I would go up and have a great time."

Memories are everywhere at Sandy Bay, seeping out of the woods and bubbling out of the waters of Gull Lake.

"My grandfather's original cottage is up behind us," Ruth says, pointing to a structure visible through the trees across the road, the one built by Arthur. "It's now occupied by cousins of mine."

Ruth's children and grandchildren recently came to visit, her grandchildren the fifth generation of the family to cottage at Sandy Bay.

She remembers a waterfall across the bay, towards Bob Lake near what is now Rackety Trail, to which she, her mother, aunts and cousins would hike.

"We'd go down for picnics," Ruth says, a far-away smile beaming from her face once more. "There was all this white, churning water . . . and it had this sound. It had this smell that was hot and kind of musty, rusty water. It was just magical. It was just beautiful, just heaven."



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Budding farmer learns the ins and outs of potatoes

by **ANGELICA INGRAM**
Times Staff

Xavier Dulong wakes up in the morning, grabs his bike and makes the one kilometre trip from his home on Highway 118 to a property across from Maple Lake on St. Peter's Road.

Once he arrives he gets to work.

Xavier heads over to the back of the property where two large gardens exist, the further one filled with row upon row of potato plants.

The potatoes are his pride and joy, with hours of sweat, patience, attention and effort poured into them.

They are the fruits of his labour, almost literally, and the source of his summer income as he begins to start selling the vegetables at all three local farmers' markets this week.

With his enthusiasm, spunk and determination, Xavier is ahead of most 12-year-olds in the job market.

Yes, Xavier is 12 years old.

A go-getter since the age of eight, he launched his first business, Xavier's Odd Jobs, with a business card and a slogan.

"No job's too big, too small," he says, referencing his first attempt at making money. "Not a lot of people wanted to hire an eight-year-old."

Now Xavier has another summer job that keeps him busy and out in the sun; farming.

It began at the start of last summer, when family friend Gary Trapp was looking for some assistance maintaining his expansive gardens.

A student at JDH Elementary School, Xavier was looking for summer employment and thus the partnership began.

His tasks include ordering the seeds, planting, watering, picking off beetles, pulling up the plants and preparing them for selling.

"I like it," he says.

"He pored over that seed catalogue," said Phil Dulong, Xavier's dad.

This summer Xavier helped plant almost 500 potato plants, with each plant producing many baby red potatoes.

He sold the potatoes last summer at Country Bakery on Highway 118. This summer, starting last week, Xavier has been selling the potatoes at the Carnarvon, Haliburton and Minden markets under the tent belonging to Richard Taylor of The Nest Egg farm.

He has spent the last few weeks of the summer at the market with other vendors, learning how to sell produce, interact with customers and market his potatoes.

"The market's fun, I enjoy it," says Xavier. "Richard has been giving me pointers."

In preparation for his debut, he made his own sign, advertising Xavier's Best: #1 Local Organic Vegetables.

The potatoes are all natural, with no pesticides or herbicides used. Just water from Maple Lake and manure from a nearby Alpaca farm. He harvests them as they become ready, with just one plant at a time.

This year the potatoes were planted a little later than usual, during the first week of June, to avoid frost.

Born and raised in Haliburton, Xavier is going into Grade 8 this fall and may have to miss a few days of school to finish off his season at the market.

He doesn't seem to mind.

The lessons he's learning from gardening and from the market are life lessons, cultivating an entrepreneurial spirit in the young lad.

However he has no intentions of being a full-time farmer when he grows up.

"No, probably not," he says when asked if that's his career aspiration. "Hopefully I'll have a garden."

Trapp says Xavier has been a very dedicated worker and has helped him out tremendously, especially with the planting process.

"It's great working with Xavier," said Trapp. "He is a bright ambitious young guy. He has a great sense of humour and is fun to work with. We plant the veggies and often work together in the garden after planting but sometimes cover each other off individually when one of us has other commitments and there is watering or weeding to do."

Trapp goes on to explain that gardening provides many life



Twelve-year-old Xavier Dulong holds up a sign he made to help him sell his potatoes at the three local farmers' markets, starting last week in Carnarvon. The potatoes are free from pesticides and herbicides. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Left, Xavier Dulong helps Gary Trapp pull out a potato plant at Trapp's property on Aug. 4. The pair planted almost 500 potato plants this summer. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Below, Xavier stands with an open row of seed potatoes in a shallow trench just before being covered up and hilled up with soil at the start of the 2015 growing season. SUBMITTED

“Xavier has been learning to work hard now and get paid later if the crop is successful.”

— GARY TRAPP

”

lessons, including the experience of delayed gratification.

"Xavier has been learning to work hard now and get paid later if the crop is successful," said Trapp.

On average Xavier spends a few hours at the garden every week. He gets paid based on what he sells.

He hopes to continue working in the garden over the coming years, with his eyes on driving the tractor, which he is just learning.

When asked if he's enjoyed a potato yet this year, Xavier's response is surprising.

"I haven't had any. They've been too small," he says.

However he is really looking forward to them.

"A red potato I like when it's just been cooked in tinfoil with a bit of butter and the skin on."



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Minden & District Horticultural Society 37th Annual flower Show "Carnival of colours"

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Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Park Street, Minden

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Campfire Concert Series with David Archibald and Three Musketeers Youth Musical Group

Presented by Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation
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Where: Minden Hills Cultural Centre .

Cost: By Donation. Children are free at the 2:00 concert. Bring your lawn chairs, sit back and be entertained Canadian singer/songwriter David Archibald as he sings about Canada including songs about our county. Find out more at www.davidarchibald.com.

There will also be a special performance the youth musical group The Three Musketeers. A beer garden will be in operation during the evening concert. All proceeds will support Minden Hills Cultural Centre Programming.

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When: Sat. Aug. 13th 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Tickets to the second annual Starry Summer Night Bash on Aug. 20, in support of Moorelands Camp located on Kawagama Lake are selling fast.

In addition to great food and refreshments from sponsors including Il Fornello, Flat Rock Cellar, and Muskoka Brewery, there will be live music featuring Joe Alfano and Russ Weil, lots of cottage camaraderie, there will be a live auction with exciting and unique items.

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On Aug. 21 Jim Fedirko will embark on his third annual memorial ride from Hamilton to Dorset to honour the memory of an incredible young woman, Kimberley Leach, who received compassionate care at St. Joseph's Healthcare. This individual who had kidney disease, visited Lions Camp Dorset over five summers.

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The Lake of Bays United Churches are once again holding their annual Roast Beef Dinner with homemade pie for dessert.

The dinner takes place on Saturday, Aug. 27 with continuous seating from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Dwight Community Centre. Adults are \$18, children 12 and under are \$9 and tickets will be available at the door.

Happy birthday to Gord Wright, Erin Burgess and Elissa Boughen.

If you would like to include something in the news, please contact me at malfano@hotmail.ca or by telephone at 705-766-0076.

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From Europe to St. George's Anglican

by ANGELA LONG
Times Staff

When packing for Europe, don't forget your ball gown. Opera singer Lauren Margison always packs hers "just in case" she says while on break from Highlands Opera Studio. You never know when you might become a finalist in an international singing competition at one of Europe's most prestigious opera houses – the Nuremberg State Theatre – and asked to perform two arias.

On July 26, Margison was chosen as one of 12 finalists in the inaugural Meistersinger von Nürnberg singing competition launched this year in Germany.

The contest was open to singers of any nationality between the ages of 18 and 35 in the general category, and up to 45 in the German-themed category. Organizers received hundreds of recordings from singers

all over the world, inviting a fraction of the applicants to audition in Paris, Hamburg, Moscow, Stockholm, Nuremberg and Toronto. Margison made the list, auditioning with nearly 40 other singers in Toronto at the end of April.

At the age of 24, Margison was one of the youngest of 88 singers to finally walk through the doors of Nuremberg State Theatre on July 23. After the preliminaries and semifinals, Margison was the youngest to make it to the finals.

In an interview with a representative of the German press, the competition's jury president, Prof. Siegfried Jerusalem, says opera singers require a "certain maturity" to sing well.

"You don't achieve maturity through singing lessons at high school, it evolves from singing on stage," he says.

Margison, it seems, is an exception. As

the daughter of famed opera tenor Richard Margison and stage director and violinist Valerie Kuinka, and founders of Haliburton's Highlands Opera Studio, Margison attributes her voice's maturity to her "unique experience growing up."

"I've been going to see opera since I was in the womb," she says.

From the six arias selected by Margison, the jury chose two for her to perform in her black satin ball gown.

Now Margison was standing in a "quintessentially European opera house" with "gorgeous gold filigree" glittering and the Nuremberg Philharmonic Orchestra warming up behind her. "It was scary," she says, but also exhilarating.

She sang Puccini, Mozart. It was the moment she knew she'd received the "stamp of approval" from one of the most illustrious juries in the world of opera.

She knew her days of making sandwiches for students of the Highlands Opera Studio were finally over. This month, she will sing her "first actual lead of all time," she says, as Marguerite in HOS's production of *Faust*. "I guess I've come up in the world," she laughs.

Lunch break is almost over and Margison will return to St. George's Anglican Church to practice a love duet. It's not the Nuremberg State Theatre, but she would rather be here than anywhere else.

A cottager of the Haliburton Highlands her entire life, she says, "I love big cities, but this is where my heart calls out to."

Margison sings her heart out at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion on Wednesday, Aug. 31 and Thursday Sept. 1 for *Faust*. For tickets and more information: www.highlandsoperastudio.com.

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Bev Clark has worked in aquatic science for 40 years, most of these at the Dorset Environmental Science Centre where the effects of multiple stressors on aquatic ecosystems are studied. Since retiring from the Ministry of the Environment he continues to consult in aquatic science under his own name in Bracebridge. In later years he was the co-ordinator of the Lake Partner Program, which has given him first-hand experience with thousands of Ontario lakes.

His presentation will discuss interesting facts about the history, ecological function, and management of lakes in Ontario with a few humorous anecdotes added here and

there. The presentation will include a few props, some slides, and plenty of informal conversation. There will be time to take the program off the rails a bit and answer more specific questions about lakes.

Clark is an avid angler, paddler, photographer, writer and artist. He has published extensively in both the peer reviewed and popular literature and has served as the president of the North American Lake Management Society. His goal for the next few years is to shift focus from science to art and spend more time painting and carving. It is not surprising that many of his carvings feature fish while the paintings often have water in them somewhere.

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"Many people in our community rely on food-support programs, so donating food from your garden or farm is a great way to ensure everyone enjoys a taste of home," says Sharon Woodhouse, a public health food worker with the HKPR District Health Unit. "Local food is fresher because it does not have to be transported long distances, which also cuts down on the use of fossil fuels and benefits the environment."

For farmers, there is added incentive to donating their agricultural products to a local food program. Ontario's Food Donation Tax Credit for Farmers provides a tax credit

equal to 25 per cent of the total value of the agricultural products that are donated. Agricultural products that may qualify for the tax credit include fruits, vegetables, meats, eggs, dairy products, honey, maple syrup and more (www.omafr.gov.on.ca/english/about/info-taxcredit.htm).

"It's a win-win for everyone," says Patricia Stuckless, who is also a public health food worker with the HKPR District Health Unit. "Farmers win by getting a tax credit for any surplus food they donate and organizations like food banks also benefit by receiving fresh, local food to share."

People who want to donate locally-grown food have a variety of food banks and meal programs from which to choose in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. To find a local food program in their community, local residents can call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 or visit the 'Adults/Food Security' section of the Health Unit website (www.hkpr.on.ca/InfoSet/Adults/FoodSecurity.aspx).

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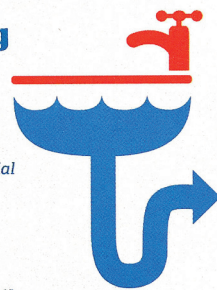
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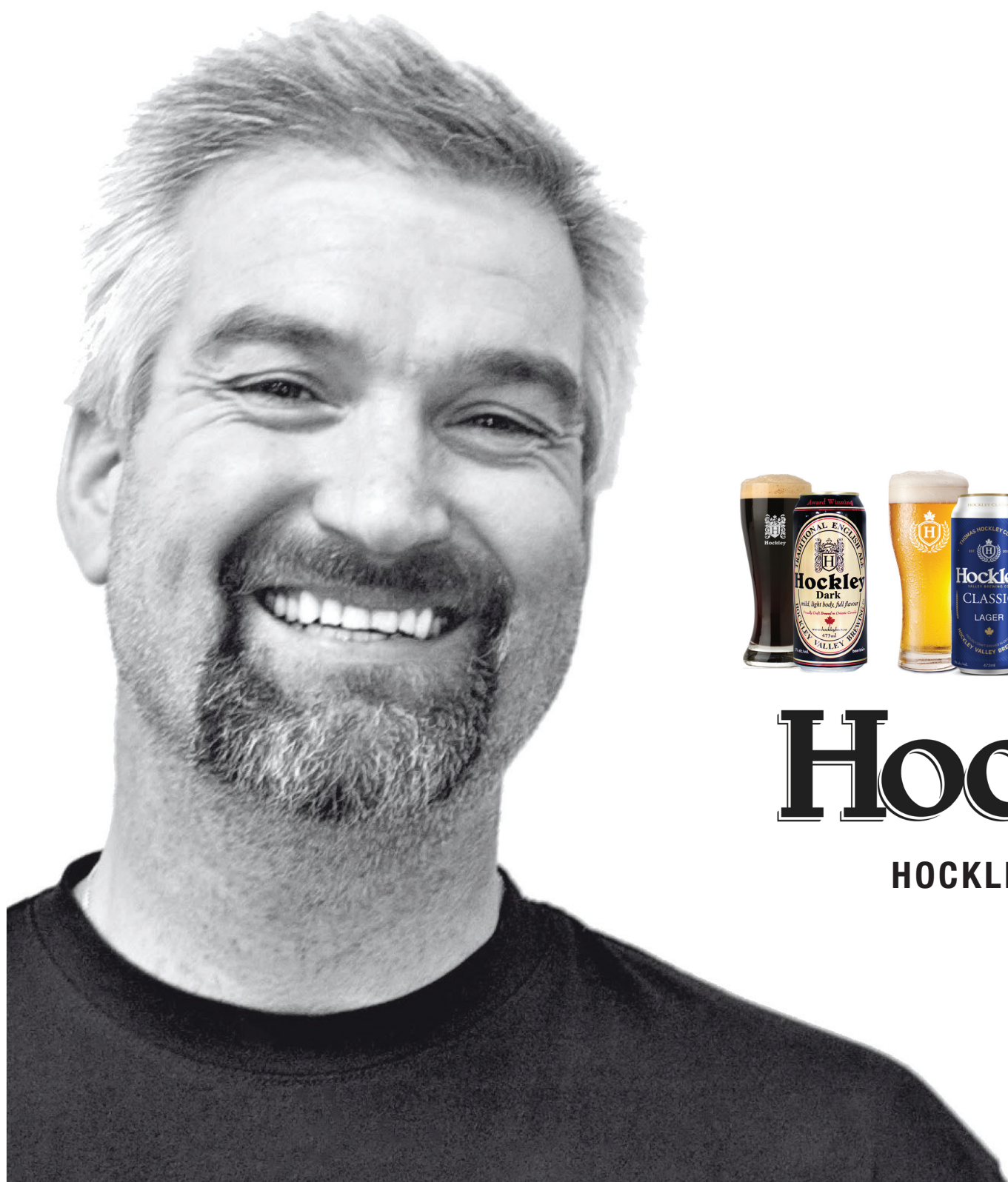
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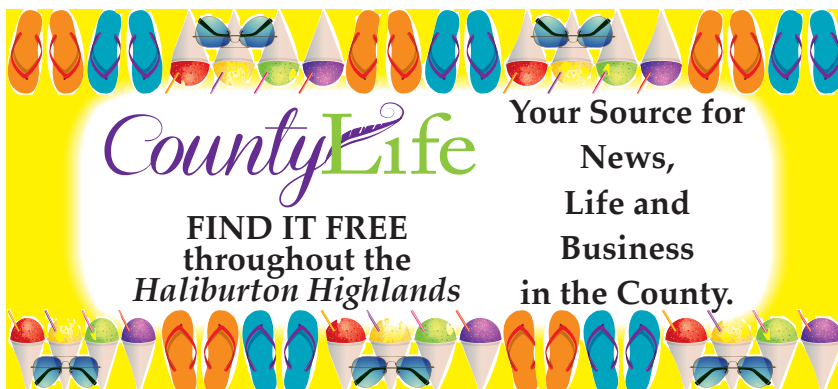
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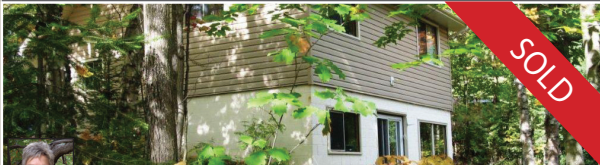
Lovely home w/ 3 bay garage/workshop \$319,000



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- Detached garage w/ bunkie/studio, great kayak, canoe, swim

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Tory Hill Home



- 3 bdrm country home w/new septic coming!
- Great Layout and charming home! \$159,000

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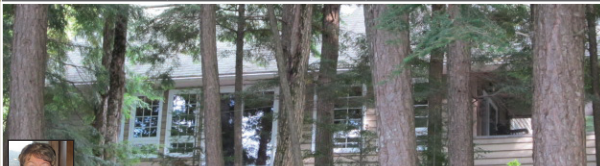
Custom Viceroy - Canning lake \$849,900



- Private cottage 3.9 acres with 5 Lake chain boating
- 3450 Sq Ft, open concept living & 4 bdrms, 3 full baths

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- 3 Bdrm, Den, 2 Bath, Scr Pch, Lndry, Ht Ln, Frnshd, Rideau Dks

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- Approx 103 ft Waterfront, .51 Acres, Western Exposure
- Approx. 950 Sq ft. 3 Bdrm, 3 pc bath, F/P, W/S, Dbl Garage w/Loft

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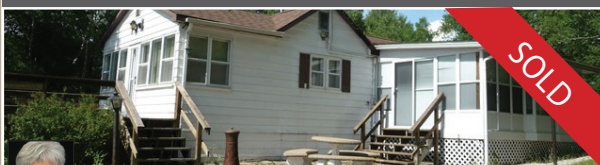
Rockcliffe Tavern Reduced to \$ 399,000



- Imagination, Motivation, Experience
- Our community is growing, Join In

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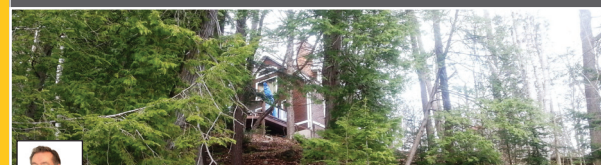
Home or Cottage \$229,000



- 2 bedroom + Bunkie, garage, 1000 square feet
- Patio to watch sunsets over Big Boshkung

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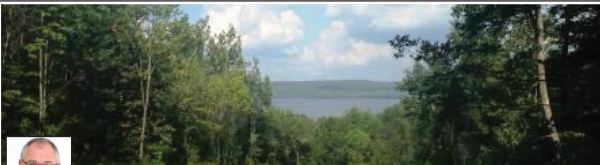
Post & Beam Cottage on Kashagawigamog \$649,000



- 4+ bdrms, 3 baths, w/o basement w/ rec room, cute bunkie
- 100 ft of frontage on premier 5 lake chain, call Scott for details!

Scott Harrison
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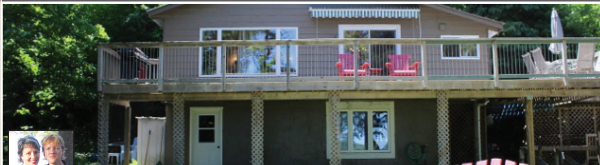
Overlooking Haliburton Lake! \$104,900



- Build your own private Haliburton Retreat on 54 acres
- Driveway has been installed, building site has been Cleared!

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Miskwabi Lake \$399,900



- 4-season cottage with spectacular view
- 2-lake chain, deep water, year round access

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A Million Dollar View on Halls Lake! \$676,500



- Captivating view of the lake from inside this spacious Royal Home - Full finished basement, ideal for entertaining & Wave Pool

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Davis Lake Lot \$49,000



- Building lot located right across the road from Davis Lake
- 90 Ft of frontage w/ a great view, hydro & phone at the lot line

David Lee**
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Eagle Lake Home or Escape from the City \$229,000



- Clean & tidy 3 bedroom, 2 bath open-concept home
- Lovely view over Eagle Lake, close to town and Ski hill

Erin Nicholls**
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Beautiful 37.5 Acre Parcel \$60,000



- Features granite rock driveway, cleared building lot, hydro@lot
- Property fronts lovely pond & features an abundance of wildlife

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Eagle Lake Home \$132,500



- Great renovator-starter property with large insulated garage
- Fantastic location, close to ski hills, golf & shopping!

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Perfect Starter or Family Cottage! \$199,900



- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom off-grid cottage with custom kitchen
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- Cute 2 bedroom cottage, some finishing needed
- Across the road from the lake

Darlene Reil
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Contemporary Open Concept West Lake Cottage \$629,000



- 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, den and walkout lower level
- Large frontage, sunny southern exposure, fabulous privacy

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Large Country Home on 3 Acres, Asking \$285,000



- Privacy, Pond, Close to Lakes & Geocaching
- 3 Bedroom ranch bungalow, LR, DR, Country Kitchen

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Minden Home Overlooking Gull River \$239,000



- Extensively Renovated 3 Bdrm/2 Bath Home
- Hardwoods, Large Kitchen, Sunroom, Full Basement

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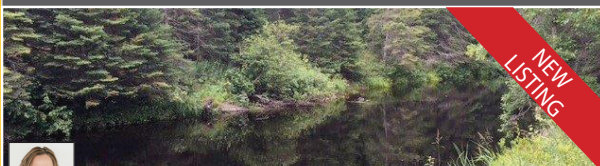
Kinmount Home \$224,900



- Charming 3 bedroom home, many recent renovations & upgrades
- Large in town lot with stream, walk to downtown

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